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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

The reply filed on 6/19/03 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

Newly submitted claims 5-15 are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons:

- I. original claims 1-4 are, drawn to communication circuit arrangement with bi-directional signal paths, classified in class 324, subclass 73.1.
- II. newly submitted claims 5-15 are drawn to a method of verifying the functionality of a circuit, classified in class 455, subclass 423

Inventions II and I are related as process and apparatus for its practice. The inventions are distinct if it can be shown that either: (1) the process as claimed can be practiced by another materially different apparatus or by hand, or (2) the apparatus as claimed can be used to practice another and materially different process. (MPEP § 806.05(e)). In this case the apparatus as claimed can be used to practice another and materially different process such as signal converting, shaping or generating. Since applicant has received an action on the merit for the originally presented invention of the apparatus claims 1-4, therefor, applicant can not add new claims which are independent or distinct form the originally claimed invention (See MPEP 821.03). Accordingly, the new submitted method claims 5-15 are withdrawn from the consideration.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid

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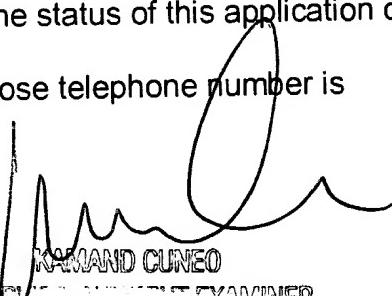
abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER
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Conclusion

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